

MASO RETIRES FROM CONTEST.

Party Declines to Enter Cuban Elections.

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL MADE.

Action Taken on Receipt of General Wood's Letter Declining to Interfere With Central Board—Havana Newspaper Says Lack of Strength Prompted Move.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Governor General Wood has written a letter to Senator Maso, who has been elected to the central board of the Maso coalition committee, in which he says that he cannot give an extension of time to modify the electoral list. The Governor also says that he cannot postpone the elections, nor alter the personnel of the central board of scrutiny.

He adds, however, that he will submit the decisions of this latter body to the Maso electoral committee before they are published, so that if they are illegal, the Maso people can make objections, which would be investigated.

The Governor said he was convinced that the central board had proceeded strictly according to law, and the responsibility, which was greatest on the taxpayers of Havana, rested entirely on the mayor and the assembly.

To Withdraw From Elections.

In view of this letter the Maso committee decided last night to withdraw from the elections. Resolutions were adopted to the effect that the central board was composed of parliament; that Maso, a 27 exhausting all the means in his power to ensure that the coming elections would be carried out under conditions which impartiality and justice required for acts of such importance in the establishment of government, had become convinced that neither in official circles in Washington nor in Cuba does an intention exist to see that the elections are carried out with sufficient legality to secure that real wish of the Cuban people, which is to elect the first constitutional government and to have their rights reflected by their representatives.

Not to Go to Polls.

In virtue of this letter they have decided not to go to the elections and to draw the entire candidature of the Maso party on the island. All representatives on political boards belonging to the coalition will resign. The party will issue a manifesto to the country explaining thoroughly the reasons for the withdrawal.

Commenting on the above "La Lucha" says this is the right course to pursue, as the elections would be an entire fraud which would be justified if the Maso element went to the polls. The official organs say that the withdrawal of the Maso people is a sign of weakness which was prompted by a desire to hide their lack of strength.

The Maso people are predicting trouble on the island, but the followers of T. Estrada Palma, who is the Maso element, say that the withdrawal of the Maso people is a sign of weakness which was prompted by a desire to hide their lack of strength.

Cubans Alone to Blame.

A prominent Cuban said tonight that the whole affair was deplorable, because whichever side was right there always would be a doubt as to the facts in the case. No matter what was said, one large body of Cubans would accuse another large group of deliberate fraud in the establishment of the first government of the Republic. This, the gentleman said, shows what a low opinion such party has of the other.

The "Republica Cubana" says the Cuban element are to blame for the existing conditions in Cuba, who do not care what happens to the country in their greed for office.

STILL COLD IN CHICAGO.

There are indications, however, of warmer weather.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The cold wave still grips this section of the West, but there are evidences that warmer weather is on the way. At 2 o'clock this morning the temperature reached 3 degrees below zero, and at daylight it was 1 degree below. But it is warmer in the Northwest, and the local weather officials say moderate weather will prevail for a few days.

An unusual amount of distress in the poor quarters of Chicago, where coal famine has characterized the cold wave here.

MARCONI CHANGES PLANS.

Goes to Ottawa Tomorrow Instead of to England.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 21.—Signor Marconi made a sudden change in his plans this morning.

He has decided to go to Ottawa tomorrow, if he can get ready in time, to consult with the Canadian Government authorities there in regard to a station for his wireless telegraph experiments.

Mr. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance, sent a despatch to Signor Marconi this morning offering him every facility for the transfer of his wireless apparatus to some point in Canada, and inviting him to go to Ottawa to discuss the subject.

Signor Marconi had intended to sail for England on Monday to consult with the directors of his company as to what should be done regarding the attitude of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company and the possible location of a station in Nova Scotia.

A Farmer Accused of Forgery.

SHELBYVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—John L. Hall, a cattle dealer and farmer of Halifax, Va., is under arrest here charged with forging the names of J. F. and E. J. Roberts, prominent citizens of Halifax, to a note for \$2500.

Wells Fargo President Dead.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 21.—John J. Valentine, President of the Wells Fargo Express Company, died at his home here at 1:55 o'clock this morning, after several days illness.

11:25 to Baltimore and Return, Via B. & O. N. E. Saturday and Sunday.

December 21 and 22. Tickets sold returning on all following Monday. Used on all trains except local limited.

RICH FIND IN POMPEII.

Room in Villa Full of Works of Art Discovered.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Another important discovery has been made at Pompeii at the same spot where was recently found what was believed to be the mummified body of the elder Pliny.

It consists of a Greek and Roman villa, one room of which is filled with objects of Greek and Roman art. These include a bronze statue representing Genius, with a torch in its extended right hand, the whole being of superb workmanship.

There are also four of the most beautiful Etruscan vases and models of various description. Seven other rooms were found to be full of cereals and other foodstuffs.

Further explorations of this particular corner of Pompeii are expected to yield rich results.

NO LIQUORS FOR YOUNGSTERS.

London Public House Owners to Obey Spirit of New Law.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A recent act of Parliament forbids saloonkeepers from serving children under fourteen with intoxicating liquors, either for consumption on the premises or to be taken to their parents.

This particular section of the law is known as the "cock and seal" clause, permitting the serving of juveniles for the latter purpose if the vessels used are cocked and sealed. This apparently has offered a loophole for many saloonkeepers, who keep in supply corks and sealing wafers to avoid penalties.

But the majority of London publicans, after consideration have decided not to take advantage of this, and have agreed to prepare notices informing the public that they will not supply intoxicants in any form to children under fourteen years.

BETTING EVIL AT ETON.

English Schoolboys Forbidden to Purchase Newspapers.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The schoolboys at Eton have been forbidden to purchase newspapers in the streets. The effect to this effect was prompted by the discovery that the boys were betting extensively on horse races by correspondence, and bought the afternoon papers merely to see the winners and watch the betting.

The masters had noticed an eager rush for papers, and when enquiries were made as to what was interesting the boys so readily received a check from a bookmaker and circulars from betting agents and tipsters, with the above result.

FAST TRAINS IN EUROPE.

Statistics Show France in the Lead, With England Second.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—A German paper has published statistics in regard to the relative speeds of the latest trains of the European continent.

According to this table, France leads with an average speed of 55 miles an hour. England comes next with nearly 50 miles, followed by Belgium with 45, and Germany with 40.

These figures apply only to the fastest trains.

TURNED CHARTER TO WALL.

Failure of Strike Disintegrates Big Labor Organization.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21.—The failure of the strike of the Pennsylvania Stationary Firemen's Association last summer has finally resulted in the association virtually going to pieces.

The State convention was to have been held here today, but only six of the expected 125 delegates were on hand. Discussed with the state of affairs, these delegates turned the association's charter to the wall, scribbled the words "no good" on the back of it and left for their homes.

Even the president failed to appear, and the association has been reorganized in another State. The membership, which was composed mostly of firemen in the anthracite coal fields, will doubtless be transferred to the United Mine Workers.

CAVE LYNCHERS THE SLIP.

Negro Who Shot Miller Spirited Away by Sheriff.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 21.—Further particulars of the shooting at Toms Creek, Va., last night, shows that while D. H. Miller, Treasurer of the Crow's Nest Coal and Coke Company, is mortally wounded, he is still alive.

The difficulty arose over the wages of Charles Foy, a negro, who did the shooting. Miller was paying off the hands at the time.

Foy shot Miller and Charles Williams, a clerk in Miller's office, who intervened, was also shot. Williams will recover. An effort was made to lynch the negro, but the officers held him with the prisoner through a rough mountainous country, and at 2 o'clock this morning placed him in jail at Wise Court House.

The excitement has not subsided, but the negro is considered safe now.

APPOMATTOX RIVER FROZEN.

Virginia Farmers Exclaiming to Harvest Excellent Crops.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 21.—The weather last night and today was the coldest experienced here this winter. The Appomattox River is frozen from shore to shore, and the neighboring ponds afford excellent skating, and today hundreds of people have been enjoying the sport.

In the neighboring counties the farmers are harvesting good crops. It is feared that the severe weather will kill much of the smaller game.

CHRISTMAS SWEETS SEIZED.

Many Fuddlers Must Pay Duty to Enter England.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Manxmen are late at the conduct of the British customs authorities, who have seized at the post-office Christmas puddings and other confections containing sugar and dried fruit and spirits addressed to England.

The procedure is intended to prevent the Manxmen from benefiting from the lighter Manx duty on spirits and the absence of duty on sugar and dried fruits.

It remains to be seen whether Hall Caine, as a member of the Manx House of Keys, will do his duty as a patriot in resisting this high-handed action of a neighboring island.

For Holiday Excursion Tickets

Call at Seaboard Air Line Station, Office 101 New York Avenue.

WOLSELEY PLAYS WAR OFFICE.

Memories, Now Completed, Said to Contain Sharp Attack.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, late commander-in-chief of the British army, has been occupied during the last year in writing his memoirs, which he has now completed.

The "Morning Post" understands that he dwells with special emphasis on the period of five years ending last year, when he was commander-in-chief, and that his book will in the main be an indictment of civilian control in the War Office before he became commander-in-chief.

Lord Wolseley wrote a preface to Colonel Henderson's "Life of General Jackson" in which he made remarks to the same effect. His recent speeches in the House of Lords had to be toned down on account of his official position, but the "Morning Post" is informed that he now speaks his mind freely, illustrating his views from instances of his personal career.

This will only be one more item in the many recollections of the War Office. The rumour is doing the rounds that Lord Roberts, who has just completed fifty years' service in the army, would resign the command-in-chief of the army, the coronation has not been contradicted, Lord Roberts merely saying that he never notices in any way anonymous statements.

The report is, however, incorrect. Lord Roberts is now showing signs of age and the permanent officials of the War Office complain of the accumulation of minor matters in the office to which he does not give sufficient attention.

There is no doubt that the permanent high officials of the War Office would come the Duke of Connaught as commander-in-chief, if only for the protection which a royal holder of the post would give them from much of the strong personal criticism which must be freely vented on any other official.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 21.—James J. Hill completed his statement to the public on the Great Northern-Northern Pacific merger at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He says in part:

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"The foregoing is a brief and absolutely correct statement of the situation, and its truth can easily be verified by the State of Minnesota or any other State or person having sufficient interest to investigate the facts, which are all matters of record."

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HILL RELATES STORY OF DEAL.

Details of Northern Pacific Merger Told.

FORCED TO A PROTECTIVE MEASURE.

Sharp Reply to Governor Van Sant by the Railway King—All Was Done in Behalf of the Northwest—The Fight for Control and Adjustment by Securities Company.

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